

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1041 - SB 1279

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Require labeling on all genetically engineered foods sold in Tennessee. A violation of the provisions of this bill is punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action and as a Class C or Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - \$155,000 One-Time

\$114,000 Recurring FY07-08

\$129,500 Recurring FY08-09 and succeeding years

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- A recurring increase in state expenditures for the salary, benefits, travel, and operational expenses of one Chemist and one part-time Food and Dairy Inspector and to maintain laboratory equipment.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to purchase specialized laboratory equipment.
- Any increase in state revenues from the collection of civil penalties will be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director